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Attorneys for Applicant Southern Sunrise Water Company

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN SUNRISE WATER COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR AUTHORITY (1) TO ISSUE EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$577,200 IN CONNECTION WITH (A) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A METER CHANGE OUT PROGRAM AND (B) THE PURPOSE OF TESTING AND EQUIPPING ITS EXISTING WELLS AND (2) TO ENCUMBER ITS REAL PROPERTY AND PLANT AS SECURITY FOR SUCH INDEBTEDNESS.

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APPLICATION (FINANCING)

Alizana Corporation Commission.

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Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 40-285, 40-301 and 40-302, Southern Sunrise Water Company ("SSWC" or the "Company"), an Arizona public service corporation, hereby applies for authority from the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to (1) issue evidence of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$577,200 on the terms and conditions to be set forth by the Water Infrastructure and Finance Authority ("WIFA"), and (2) encumber its real property and utility plant as security for such indebtedness. This debt will be incurred for the purpose of implementing a full-scale meter replacement program which would reduce water loss significantly, as well as promote water

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conservation efforts by including usage tracking and leak detection capabilities, and proper testing and equipping of existing wells which would ensure a sustainable supply will be available.

In support of this application, SSWC states as follows:

A. General Background.

- The Company is a public service corporation providing water service to 1. approximately 837 customers in Santa Cruz County, Arizona. SSWC's current rates and charges were authorized in Decision No. 68826 (June 29, 2006).
- SSWC's business office is located at 4055 Campus Drive, Sierra Vista, 2. Arizona 85635. Its telephone number is (520) 458-5470, and its telecopier number is (520) 459-6680. The Company's primary management contact is Greg Sorensen. Mr. Sorensen is also responsible for overseeing and directing the conduct of this Application. His telephone and telecopier numbers are (623) 298-3753 and (623) 935-His email address is Greg.Sorensen@algonquinwater.com. 1020, respectively. discovery, data requests and other requests for information concerning this Application should be directed to Mr. Sorensen, with a copy to counsel for the Company in this matter, Jay L. Shapiro (jshapiro@fclaw.com).
- 3. Financial statements for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2008, are attached at Exhibit 1.

В. Purposes of Financial Transactions.

The primary purpose of the long-term debt financing contemplated herein is 4. to (A) Implement a full-scale meter replacement program which would reduce water loss significantly, as well as promote water conservation efforts by including usage tracking and leak detection capabilities, and (B) Properly test and equip existing wells which would ensure a sustainable supply will be available. The total estimated cost of the additional plant and improvements is approximately \$577,200.00. The Company will provide a detailed breakdown of the estimated cost of the water system improvements as a late-filed exhibit. The water infrastructure improvements are necessary to reduce water losses in system and promote water conservation, and to ensure a sustainable source is available.

C. Terms and Conditions of Financial Transactions.

- 5. The Company has applied to WIFA for financing, in large part, because WIFA expects to receive monies from the recent federal stimulus package. Copies of the Company's WIFA application is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**. However, the specific, actual terms of the WIFA financing are not known at this time. SSWC will supplement if and when such information becomes available.
- 6. The Company expects that its repayment obligation to WIFA will be secured by the grant of a security interest in some or all of its real property and its water plant and system, which property and facilities are yet to be identified.

D. Effects of Financial Transactions.

- 7. The Company's proforma balance sheet for the period ending December 31, 2008, is attached at **Exhibit 3.** The pro forma balance sheet reflects the impact of the financing transactions that are the subject of this Application. The pro forma income statements will be filed as a late filed exhibit to this Application. The loan proceeds will be issued for lawful purposes, and the execution of the loan agreement with WIFA and the grant of a security interest in SSWC's real property, plant and system, and the undertaking of the obligations set forth therein are within the Company's corporate powers. A Corporate Resolution authorizing the contemplated transaction is attached at **Exhibit 4**.
- 8. The financial transactions contemplated herein are compatible with sound financial practices. SSWC has been urged by the Commissions Chairman to seek WIFA financing to help address capital improvement needs with low cost financing SSWC agrees that the pursuit of such financing is warranted.

- 9. The approvals sought herein are compatible with the public interest and with the proper performance of SSWC's duties as a public service corporation. The proceeds of the financing will be utilized exclusively to implement a full-scale meter replacement program which would reduce water loss significantly, as well as promote water conservation efforts by including usage tracking and leak detection capabilities, and proper testing and equipping of existing wells which would ensure a sustainable supply will be available. No portion of the proceeds will be used to pay operating expenses. The approvals sought herein are necessary to ensure the Company's ability to continue to provide safe and reliable water utility service in compliance with all applicable law and regulation, including the rules and regulations of ADEQ.
- 10. The financing contemplated herein will not impair the Company's ability to perform its duties as a public service corporation providing water utility service.
- 11. SSWC is in the process of providing notice of this application by publishing notice, in the form provided by the Commission, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the Company provides service. Proof of publication and a true copy of the notice as it appeared in the newspaper will be filed with the Commission.
- 12. The Company is submitting this Application at this time due to WIFA requirements, and shall seasonably provide supplements as additional information becomes available.

Based on the foregoing, Southern Sunrise Water Company respectfully requests the following:

- A. That the Commission consider this application on an expedited basis, including the scheduling of a hearing, if necessary, on this matter as soon as practicable;
- B. That the Commission enter an order approving this Application and authorizing Southern Sunrise Water Company to incur indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$577,200 and to encumber its real property and utility plant and system to secure

such indebtedness for the purposes described hereinabove; and 1 That the Commission authorize Southern Sunrise Water Company. to take C. 2 such other and further action as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this 3 Application, as may be appropriate under the circumstances herein. 4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13th day of March, 2009. 5 FENNEMORE CRAIG, P.C. 7 8 Jay L. Shapiro 9 Patrick Black Attorneys for Applicant Southern Sunrise 10 Water Company 11 ORIGINAL and 15 copies delivered this 12 13th day of March, 2009 to: 13 **Docket Control** 14 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street 15 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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Southern Sunrise Profit and Loss Statement For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	2008
Revenue	
Metered Water Revenues	\$422,264
Other Revenues	10,455
Total Revenue	432,719
Operating Expenses	
Purchased Power	29,775
Chemicals	1,255
Materials & Suppplies	10,871
Contractual Services - Accounting	50
Contractual Services - Testing	5,465
Contractual Services - Other	182,307
Contractual Services - Legal	9,286
Transportation Expenses	27,352
Insurance - General Liability	9,087
Regulatory Commission Expense	450
Miscellaneous Expense	12,056
Bad Debt Expense	6,283
Depreciation & Amortization	85,068
Property Taxes	24,485
Total Operating Expenses	403,790
Operating Income	28,929
Interest Expense	177
Total Other Income (Expense)	177
Net Profit (Loss)	28,752

	2008	Ajdustments	2008 Proforma
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash - Operating	\$23,123		\$23,123
Accounts Receivable	41,587		\$41,587
Prepaids	7,802		\$7,802
Deposits	4,065		\$4,065
Total Current Assets	76,577		76,577
Net Property Plant and Equipment	1,568,323	577,200	\$2,145,523
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Total Assets	1,644,900	577,200	2,222,100
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	(0.112		¢(0.112
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	69,113		\$69,113
Current Taxes Payable	(2,784)		(\$2,784)
Total Current Liabilities	66,329		66,329
Long Term Liabilities			
Intercompany Notes Payable	181,287		\$181,287
Third Party Loans		577,200	\$577,200
Customer Meter Deposits	1,230		\$1,230
Total Long Term Liabilities	182,517	577,200	759,717
Total Liabilities	248,846	577,200	826,046
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY			
Contributed Capital Common Shares	1,345,549		\$1,345,549
Common Snares	1,343,349		\$1,545,549
Total Contributed Capital	1,345,549		1,345,549
Earnings			
Retained Earnings	21,753		\$21,753
Year to Date Income	28,752		\$28,752
Total Earnings	50,505		50,505
Total Shareholders' Equity	1,396,054		1,396,054
Total Liabilities and Equity	1,644,900	577,200	2,222,100

DRINKING WATER APPLICATION Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) Project Financial Assistance Priority List Application

SECTION 1: APPLICATION IS	NFORMATION	APPLICATION NUMBER: DW-187-2	2009 Print
1.1 Applicant:	Southern Sunrise Water Company	Job Title: Business Manager	
1.2 Contact Names: First	Martin	Middle Initial: K	Last: Garlant
1.3 Address:	4055 Campus Dr	City: Sierra Vista	State: AZ Zip: <u>85636</u>
1.4 Phone:	(520) 281-7000 Fax: (520) 281-74	E-Mail: martin.garlant@algonquinpow	er.com
1.5 County in Which Project is	s Located: Cochise		
1.6 Number of Connections to	System: 837 Population Serv	ed by the System: 2511	
1.7 Average Monthly Fee (Ba	se + Use): \$45.00		
1.8 Existing Debt (principal or	nly) Payable by System Users: \$0.00		
1.9 Median Household Income	e: \$38,427.00		
1.10 ADEQ System Identifica	tion Number (PWS #): AZ0402011		
1.11 Are you ACC Regulated?	7		
1.12 Has this project received	prior year WIFA funding?		
No No			
	ti-year construction project that received a	nesistance in a previous funding cycle	
	act a project that received TA funds in a p		
	onal financial assistance to offset actual c	- '	
Yes, request is for additi	onal financial assistance to offset actual c	osis of Justinea overtuns	
	ed with the E-Verify Program? ② Ye provide proof of participation prior to the	s	
SECTION 2: PROPOSED DRIF	NKING WATER FINANCIAL ASSIST	ANCE PROJECT	
2.1 Project Title/Name: Mete	r Replacement Program	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
2.2 Type of loan required duri	ng this funding cycle? Design \$0.0	and/or Construction \$25	52,200.00
2.3 Briefly summarize below	the problem (Mail or upload any support	ing documentation)	
Conservation Area The form	Company (SSWC) consists of the forme ter owner and operator did not have a met resulting in an average water loss of 25%	r McLain water system in the Hereford and P er replacement program. The majority of the m 6.	alominas, AZ areas, in the San I leters are in excess of 20 years old
2.4 Briefly summarize below	the Solution		
Implementing a full-scale and leak detection capabilities		e water loss significantly, as well as promote v	vater conservation efforts by inclu
2.5 Project Purpose: (Select of	nly one)		
Assist Non-Compliant S	systems to Achieve Compliance		
Assist Compliant Syster	ns to Meet Future Requints		
Assist Compliant Syster	ns to Maintain Compliance		
Other Assistance Not Co	ompliance Related		

SECTION 3: EXISTING CONDITIONS AND PROJECT	BENEFITS	
3.1 Select Type(s) of Needs to be Funded		
Planning and Design Only	Treatment-Bacteriological	Treatment-Surface Water
Treatment-Nitrate	Treatment-Arsenic	Treatment-Radionuclides
Treatment-Organic Chemical(s)	Treatment-Primary Standard [Meta	ls(s)] Treatment-DBP
Treatment-Other	✓ Transmission and Distribution	Source
Storage	Purchase of System(s)	Restructuring
Land Acquisition		
3.2 Select Expected Project Benefit(s)		
Compliance - Existing Requirements	Compliance - New Requirements	Expand Service
Reduce Public Health Risks		
3.3 Water Quality Improvement		
Proposed project addresses deficiencies identified	by ADEQ Submi	tted a complete capacity development plan to ADEQ
Proposed project includes installing meters to mo	nitor water use	
3.4 Consolidation and Regionalization		
Consolidate physical facilities of existing multiple	e facilities Extend	ling service to existing areas currently served by anot
Consolidate the operations of existing multiple far	cilities Conso	lidate the ownership of existing multiple facilities
3.5 System Compliance *must mail or upload supporting	documents	
O Notice of violations and/or consent orders from re	gulatory agency *	
(a) In compliance		
SECTION 4: READINESS TO PROCEED INDICATORS	\$	
4.1 Debt Authorization (For more information, see WIF.	A Debt Authorization Guidance Documer	u)
Authorized (mail or upload copy of official gove	ming body debt authorization resolution	or election results)
Date of Election or Authorization Unknown		
Scheduled		
If scheduled, enter anticipated election or authori	zation date: [mm/dd/yyyy]	
4.2 Project Design (Select only one)		
Completed Engineer Selected Date of Enter anticipated completion date: 2/28/2010	Completion Unknown \bigcirc Scheduled fom: $-$ Scheduled fo	or Completion
4.3 Applicable Plan and Specification Approvals (Selec	ct only one)	
Obtained (mail or upload approval notification)		
O Date of Approval Unknown		
Not Applicable (use textbox below to explain)		
Scheduled to Obtain Permits		,
If scheduled, enter anticipated permit(s) date:		
If not applicable, then explain: Replacement of ex 4.4 Project Bids (Select only one)	isting meters	
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Solicited Project for Bidding Date of Solici If scheduled, enter anticipated bid award date:		l(s)

	g Required: 7/1/2009 [mm/dd/yyyy] e Costs & Funding Source (Soft costs)	
Funding Source	, ,	Project Costs
Amount Funded Locally:		\$0.00
Amount Requested from W	TFA:	\$252,200.00
Other Source:		\$0.00
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Total Cost:		\$252,200.00
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ADDENDUM TO PPL APPLICATION Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Community Name:	Southern Sunrise Water Company	Date:	Friday, 03/06/2009 @ 11:36 AM
Project Contact:	Martin Garlant	Phone:	(520) 281-7000
Project ID:	DW-187-2009	Email:	martin.garlant@algonquinpower.com
Project Title:	Meter Replacement Program		_
	ation be considered for American Recovery and No', skip to the bottom of this addendum and s		es No. If Yes, complete the following que
	er letter, the purpose of the Act is to provide funds rovide preference to those purposes.	that will stimulate job creation thro	ugh swift initiation of infrastructure projects. The
SECTION 1: PRE	FERENCE FOR QUICK START		
expeditiously, in	12. In using funds made available in this Act for including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the shall also use grant funds in a manner that maxim.	funds for activities that can be ini-	tiated not later than 120 days after the date of the
	ary 17, 2009, when will your project be prepared t		
Already Sta	arted 🔘 Within 60 days 🔘 Within 120 days 🍳	Within 180 days 🔘 Within 365 da	ays
To enter into a "WIFA Debt Au	loan agreement, organizations must have debt a athorization Guidance Document" and "Sample D	uthorization. If you are not sure wi abt Authorization Resolution."	nat this requires for your organization, refer to V
1.2 Do you curr	ently have debt authorization? 🔘 Yes 🥯 No . I	f no, when will do you plan on recei	ving debt authorization? Prior to: O March, 3
17, 2009 🔘 A _l	oril 14, 2009 🔾 May 19, 2009 🔾 June 16, 2009	(a) Other	
1.3 After the sta	rt of construction, when will construction be comp	pleted and/or the final loan disburse	ment be requested from WIFA? O Within 6 mo
	2 years O Within 3 years		,
SECTION 2: USE	OF AMERICAN IRON, STEEL, AND MANU	FACTURED GOODS	
project for the c	 Use of American Iron, Steel, and Manufactured onstruction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a the United States. (b) Subsection (a) shall not app 	public building or public work unle	ss all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods i
iron, s qualityinclusiIf the	ng subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the p teel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not t; or ion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods product head of a Federal department or agency determine ad of the department or agency shall publish in the	produced in the United States in suf ed in the United States will increase s that it is necessary to waive the ap	the cost of the overall project by more than 25 pe plication of subsection (a) based on a finding und
	ection shall be applied in a manner consistent with		
	ling to include this "Use of American Iron, Steel,		ent in your plans and specification documents and
	mentation that you have complied with this required to brief explanation below:	rement? Yes No	
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	already solicited bids, was this requirement includes adjust you answer in Section 1, if necessary.	led? () Yes ((() No If No, would	you be willing to re-bid? 🔵 Yes 🥝 No If you

SECTION 3: WAGE RATE REQUIREMENT

Sec. 1606. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and in a manner consistent with other provisions in this Act, all laborers and mechanics emple and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to this Act shall be not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter I title 40, United States Code. With respect to the labor standards specified in this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and fur Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.

3.1 Are you willing to include this "Wage Rate Requirement" in your plans and specification documents and provide supporting documents.	entation that yo
with this requirement? Yes No If No, please provide a brief explanation below:	and the second of the second o
3.2 If you have already solicited bids, was this requirement included? Yes No If No, would you be willing to re-bid? Yes and re-bid, please adjust you answer in Section 1, if necessary.	No If youl
SECTION 4: POTENTIAL PROJECT DELAYS	
4.1 To your knowledge, are there any issues such as NEPA compliance, SHPO compliance, Permit requirements, etc, that could possibly Yes No If yes, please explain briefly below:	/ delay your pro
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SECTION 5: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	
5.1 Each Calendar quarter during construction, you will be required to provide a report outlining at a minimum the following information	n:
 Completion status of the project Estimated number of jobs created each quarter Estimated number of jobs retained since the last quarter 	
Will you be capable of providing this type of reporting? Yes No	
5.2 Please estimate the total number of jobs 3 that will be created or retained if this project receives ARRA funding and provide	a brief explanat
Retainage of (1) technician to review data (1) service person to install meters (1) service person to complete documentation	
SECTION 6: GREEN, EFFICIENT, INNOVATIVE PROJECTS	ally innovative
6.1 Does your project address any of the following: green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements or other environment (a) Yes (b) No	any amovanive
 6.2 Sustainability Infrastructure Practices A. Water Re-Use & Conservation - Project/System The use of improved technologies and practices to deliver equal or better services with less water. 	Percei
project will generate or utilize reclaimed water for direct re-use	
poject will correct water loss issues	
✓ project will enhance water conservation program(s)	
B. Energy Use & Conservation (Efficiency) Includes capital projects that reduce the energy consumption of eligible water quality projects or produce clean energy used by a treatment works	
project will significantly improve system efficiency	
project will employ significant alternative energy sources and/or co-generation efforts	
project will include an Energy Audit	
C. Green Practices (Green Infrastructure) Green Infrastructure includes a wide array of practices at multiple scales that manage wet weather to maintain and restore natural hydrology by infiltrating, evapotranspiring and capturing and using stormwater.	
project will address stormwater through green infrastructure practices	
D. Environmentally Innovative Projects Projects that demonstrate new and/or innovative approaches to managing water resources in a more sustainable way, including property that demonstrate new and/or innovative approaches to managing water resources in a more sustainable way, including property to the control of the con	ojects
that achieve pollution prevention or pollutant removal at the least life-cycle cots, subject to environmental review results. Includes approaches to incorporate green infrastructure into drinking water, stormwater and wastewater utility infrastructure and managem	ent.
project utilizes solid waste reduction alternatives	
project meets EPA "Green Building" practices	
other:	

6.3 As the Authorized Representative, I certify that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate

	First Name	Last Name	Title	
	Martin	Garlant	Business I	Manager
	Authorized Signature:	<i>{</i>	Date:	3/6/09
TI	nis Application Addendum must l	he printed signed and returned to	WIFA wit	hin 5 days of electronic submittal



March 12, 2009

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: Debt Authorization

Algonquin Water Resources of America ("AWRA"), a Delaware corporation, owns 18 water and wastewater utilities in the States of Arizona, Texas, Missouri and Illinois. The following AWRA owned utilities are making applications to Arizona's Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) for loans to finance capital works:

Litchfield Park Service Company (LPSCo), located in Litchfield Park, Avondale, Goodyear and Maricopa County;

Bella Vista Water Co, Inc. located in Sierra Vista and Hereford;

Northern Sunrise Water Company, Inc. located in Whetstone;

Southern Sunrise Water Company, Inc. located in Hereford;

Rio Rico Utilities Inc., located in Rio Rico; and

Black Mountain Sewer Corporation, located in Carefree and Cave Creek.

Debt Authorization is hereby granted as of this date to these utilities by AWRA, all of which is subject to approval of the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). Application to the ACC for approval of the debt will be made by each relevant utility within three (3) weeks of notification by WIFA that its application has been approved. Each utility has no control over the time it will take to receive ACC approval of the debt.

Yours very truly,

David Bronicheski

Chief Financial Officer

Robert Dodds

President